

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4356
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2003
AMENDMENT TO FOREST CONSERVATION ACT , 1980
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to parts

(e) and

(f) of Starred Question No. 16 on July 23, 2001 regarding Empowerment of States for clearance of projects and state:

(a) whether the Hon`ble Supreme Court has since delivered its judgement in the Public Interest Litigation WP(C) No. 202/95 regarding Amendments to Forest Conservation Act, 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the present status thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) The public interest litigation WP(C) No. 202/95 mainly concerns with diverse forestry, wildlife and environmental issues prevalent in the country including implementation of various forest, wildlife and environmental Acts. There is no judgement regarding the amendment to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.